

STATUS INFORMATION FOR SOFTWARE USED  
TO PERFORM A SERVICE

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

- 5           Methods and systems of service discovery and use are described. An  
application software component is for performing a service. A source of an  
application software component is contacted. Information descriptive of the  
status of the application software component is received. The status of the  
application software component is provided in response to a request for the  
10   service.